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## Marine Council Supports Coast Anti-War Congress April 28

## OTHER UNIONS MAY JOIN TANKER STRIKE

### Fireman to Take Coastwise Vote On Strike Issue

Solidarity Action Looms In Spite Of Fakers

May Day Parade, Meeting In S. F. Fights C.S. Law

WORKERS TO MARCH FROM WATERFRONT TO CIVIC CENTER

SAN FRANCISCO, April 12.—Open shop proposals of the ship owners in the month old tanker strike met militant opposition here last night when the Firemen's union voted to carry through the coastwise vote on the question of handling or using "hot" oil. Should firemen up and down the coast decide not to handle the oil of the companies involved in the strike, a virtual tieup of all shipping would result.

Skilled maneuvering on the part of reactionaries within the union resulted in putting at least one stumbling block in the way of immediate action. This was done under the excuse that "other unions will be given a chance to take action similar to that of the Firemen."

#### \* Would Mean Gain.

Should other unions decide to follow the firemen on the question of "hot" oil, however, a gain in solidarity of all the striking crafts would result.

In an obvious attempt to prevent a vote not to handle "hot" oil, the Seamen's Arbitration Board late Wednesday handed down its award to the International Seamen's Union, granting major wage concessions and shorter hours of work. The award, however, does not directly affect the tanker strikers, with whom the shippers now flatly have refused to negotiate further.

Because Paul Scharenberg of (Continued on Page 4, Col. 4)

Seamen Get Wages Raised But Hiring Hall Is Banned

SAN FRANCISCO, April 11.—Wage increases and shorter working hours for more than 9000 Seamen, members of the International Seamen's Union of America, were the major concessions granted maritime workers in an arbitration award handed down by the special board here late yesterday afternoon.

Preferential hiring of union men, one of the major demands raised in the maritime strike here last year, was granted in words but not in action. Hiring halls are to be abolished and seamen will not be allowed to refuse to sail under licensed men who are not union members. Hiring will be done from the docks.

Rank and file seamen, realizing the importance of the closed shop, may rely upon job action such as has been taken by the longshoremen in establishing what practically amounts to union working conditions.

The concessions came at a time when other militant seamen, striking for preferential hiring and better working conditions aboard the oil tankers, were preparing further action to force oil companies to grant their demands. The coast-wise tanker strike is in no way affected by the seamen award made yesterday.

Paul Scharenberg, ISU official, was one of the main actors in (Continued on Page 4, Col. 8)

300 DELEGATES OF L. A. COMING TO APR. 28 MEET

15,000 MARINE WORKERS BACK FIGHT ON WAR, FASCISM

Over 500 Expected

MANY OTHER UNIONS AND WORKERS' ORGANIZATIONS GIVE ENDORSEMENT

SAN FRANCISCO, April 11.—The San Francisco Council of Marine Crafts, comprising 25 A. F. of L. locals and representing 15,000 maritime workers, has endorsed the Pacific Coast Congress Against War and Fascism to be held April 27-28.

Other important endorsements to date include: Brotherhood of

Northwest Congress

See Page Two for story of big Northwest Anti-War Congress.

Railroad and Steamship Clerks Freight Handlers, Express and Station employees; Cleaners, Dyers and Pressers, Local 1796; Alameda City Council Public Works and Unemployed Union; S. F. Public Works and Unemployed Union, Local 1; Santa Rosa PWUU; Berkeley Finnish Working Women's Club; Berkeley Finnish Workers Club; 26th Assembly Branch, S. F. Council of the Democratic Party; International Labor Defense of Petaluma, Watsonville, Menlo Park and Pismo Beach, Calif.

Two important endorsements came in recently, one from the Student Strike Committee at Berkeley and the other from the Executive Committee for the Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Law.

A reception for the more than 500 expected delegates will be given Saturday evening, at 8:00 o'clock, at the Building Trades Hall, 200 Guerrero Street. This reception will be under the joint

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3000 U.C. Students Out In 1 Hr. Strike

Los Angeles Students Fight War In Face of KKK; Move Sweeps Nation

#### BULLETIN

SAN FRANCISCO, April 12.—More than 300 students demonstrated against war and fascism at Sather Gate, University of California, at Berkeley, today during the hour of the student anti-war strike, according to reports as we go to press. Rev. Robt. Whitaker and many student leaders addressed the huge throng, while a mobilization of police milled around the crowd.

At U. C. L. A. and at Los Angeles Junior College big demonstrations were held despite attempts of so-called "student vigilantes" to break them up. KKK crosses were burned at UCLA.

At Columbia University, New York City, 2500 jammed the big gymnasium to denounce war and fascism.

Police attempted to break up big demonstrations at Harvard University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, two noted reactionary strongholds.

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BERKELEY, April 12.—The student strike against war took place today at 11 a.m. when thousands of students walked out of classes for one hour to gather before Sather Gate in a militant demonstration against imperialist plans for increased armament and war. At the same time similar strikes were occurring in colleges and universities throughout the entire country, with even the capitalist press conceding that over 100,000 would take part.

The policy of California authorities of doing everything possible to encourage a militaristic spirit has greatly strengthened the interest in the

strike. Military training is compulsory here for all male students. Refusal means expulsion.

The students arrested for violating the Berkeley handbill ordinance in distributing anti-war leaflets won a big victory when the council undertook to amend the ordinance and recommended dismissal of charges against the eighteen students. The charges were dismissed.

The new handbill ordinance, which passed its first reading at a meeting of the city council in a room packed with spectators, provides that permission must be obtained from the chief of police.

He must be given a copy of the handbill, but cannot refuse permission to pass out the handbill.

A committee visiting Dr. Sprout got from him a promise that he would make a statement against violence, but he made the lying statement that the students were responsible for violence for bringing about this situation, thereby doing his best to incite vigilantes.

The vigilantes are in the main the same bunch who acted as strike breakers and scabs last summer in the marine strike.

LOS ANGELES, April 11.—Determined that continued intimidation from the Los Angeles authorities and student vigilantes will not in any way affect the local students' anti-war strike, plans are going ahead for demonstrations in local high schools and colleges. At 11 o'clock on the morning of April 12, when thousands of other students throughout the nation are demonstrating in "solemn protest against the black pall of war that today encircles the world," Los Angeles students also will walk out.

As an indication of the "violence" that may be used against the peaceful demonstrators, two girl students of the Pasadena Junior college were arrested Tues-

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As indicated in the method used in the attempted railroading, reminiscent of the tricks used in the now infamous Sacramento C. S. frame-ups. As in that place, scores of workers were arrested

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54 NOW FACING MURDER CHARGE IN GALLUP, N. M.

CARL HOWE, JUAN OCHOA AMONG THOSE WHO FACE DEATH SENTENCE

Deny Habeas Corpus

BOSSES DOUBLE LIST OF FRAME-UPS IN BLOW AT LABOR

SANTE FE, N. M., April 10.—Fifty-four workers held on charges of murder in the first degree.

With this method the bosses of New Mexico are determined to break the organizations of the militant unemployed and the miners at Gallup in what looks as the most outrageous railroading attempt in recent years.

Last week, following the attack with rifle fire by Sheriff Carmichael and his thugs on a group of unemployed in Gallup in an eviction fight, during which Ignacio Velarde, an unemployed miner and the sheriff were killed, one hundred workers were jailed and thirty-two were held on murder warrants.

The number has since increased to fifty-four in this intensive drive to crush organized labor in the Southwest.

Included in the number are Carl Howe, former Section organizer of the Communist Party and Juan Ochoa, present Party Organizer and many other active leaders.

\* Deny Habeas Corpus.

Preliminary hearings are to be held tomorrow or Friday. In the meantime application for release of the prisoners on a writ of habeas corpus made by A. L. Wilson, was denied in District Court by Judge Otero.

Particularly vicious is the method used in the attempted railroading, reminiscent of the tricks used in the now infamous Sacramento C. S. frame-ups. As in that place, scores of workers were arrested

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Sacramento Judge Refuses Retrial, Sentences 1-14 Yrs.

McIntyre Denied Right to Testify On Jury Fraud

SACRAMENTO, April 11.—Motions for a new trial and an arrested verdict were denied by Judge Dal M. Lemmon in the hearing on the convictions of eight working class organizers on charges of Criminal Syndicalism yesterday.

The affidavit of Juror Howard S. McIntyre, swearing that the verdict was reached by compromise and therefore illegal, was overruled by Judge Lemmon, who immediately sentenced the eight to one to fourteen years each in the penitentiary. In spite of McIntyre's entreaties both at this hearing and the one held last Thursday, that he be allowed to take the stand "and clear up a point," Judge Lemmon refused to listen, saying: "I don't wish to hear from you, Mr. McIntyre."

\* No Bail Set.

Defense Attorney Leo Gallagher immediately filed notice of appeal to a higher court and requested the court to set bail for the defendants pending such action. The judge refused to set bail, stating that he would take the matter under advisement and make his decision on Page 4, Col. 6.)

"MISTAKE" HANGING AT QUENTIN GETS USUAL WHITEWASH

S. F. Handbill Law To Hamper Workers; Vandeleur Helps

SAN FRANCISCO, April 11.—Mayor Rossi today signed the handbill ordinance which was passed by the Supervisors, thus giving the San Francisco Police Department control over distribution of handbills, etc., similar to the control the Berkeley police had in that city until the recent fight of the students forced revision of the Berkeley ordinance.

The ordinance was passed with the active assistance of Edward Vandeleur, president of the S. F. Labor Council, who showed in this the same treachery that made his name a byword of contempt in the General Strike. Pretending to speak in the name of labor he uses the excuse that "Alameda printed leaflets are distributed in San Francisco" as a cover for lining up with the big property owners and police department against unbearable conditions.

The new San Francisco ordinance provides that no one may distribute leaflets without a police permit and all leaflets distributed must have the permit number. Further provisions make it easy for anyone who chooses to complain against any distributor and have the police revoke the permit. This law is efficiently designed to prevent the distribution of leaflets and advertising by any militant group which is conducting a meeting or struggle of any sort against conditions.

On signing the bill Mayor Rossi made an appeal to householders to make themselves volunteer stool pigeons and report violations of this ordinance to the police so that militant workers can be effectively deprived of one more way of reaching an audience.

## "We Are In Jail For Organizing For Better Conditions"

By the Eight Sacramento C. S. Victims.

Before sentencing each of the defendants to penitentiary terms of one to fourteen years, the court asked each one if they had anything to say or any reason to advance why they should not be sentenced. The following are extracts from their statements:

#### PAT CHAMBERS

"In the last ten or fifteen years there have been plenty of Communists in this state. But it was not until these Communists and the Communist Party were in the agricultural fields and the industrial centers and organized the workers against the intolerable conditions they were forced to live under, that the courts and the force of the court have been used to suppress us. I have no apology to offer this court nor any individual who supports the present system of starvation and suppression against the working class.

The concessions came at a time when other militant seamen, striking for preferential hiring and better working conditions aboard the oil tankers, were preparing further action to force oil companies to grant their demands. The coast-wise tanker strike is in no way affected by the seamen award made yesterday.

#### CAROLINE DECKER

"On the matter of the evidence and testimony presented against me; it consists mainly of activities which concerned the question of strike struggles, organizing the agricultural workers, organizing the farmers, organizing the students, and organizing every station of the population. It was admitted by the prose-

cution that these activities were for the purpose of bettering the living conditions of the people concerned . . . I feel that with this conviction, a step forward has been taken in the direction of outlawing economic strikes and the mass activities of labor.

"I feel quite sure in saying that every member of the jury knows now and knew then that I am not a criminal and that none of my comrades are criminals . . . They convicted the right of the people to maintain themselves at what they believe is their fundamental and political right of livelihood."

#### MARTIN WILSON

"As far as this sentencing me to San Quentin goes, it is not doing any good or accomplishing a thing, because you can't silence the thousands of voices of the workers. (Here the court interrupted Wilson and ordered him to confine himself to legal matters.)

"It seems to me that in this case, we who try to alleviate conditions are sent to jail and those who force these conditions are allowed to run free and pay special prosecutors to prosecute such cases as this one."

"(The court again interrupted and refused let him finish unless he confined himself to points of law.)

#### NORA CONKLIN

"I was found guilty, not because I belonged to an organization that advocated the overthrow of the United States government, but for the sole reason that I was a member of the Unemployed Council, was successful in securing a little better stan-

dard of living for the thousands of unemployed in this city.

"And I want to add to the working class: ORGANIZE! Organize and join the Communist Party. I am the proudest person in the world since I joined the Communist Party."

#### ALBERT HOUGARDY

"I have been a member of the Communist Party for four years. I am proud of it. I will go to San Quentin a Communist and I will come out still a Communist, and when I come out I shall go back into the struggle and help to knock the props out from under the system that is sending us to prison. You cannot stop the movement of the working class any more than you could have stopped that flood that broke over the river bed. (Here the court interrupted.)

"We are being sent to San Quentin not on the legality of the law or because of the fact that we violated a certain act. We are being sent here because we organized the working class. Because we are building an organization that will put an end to the capitalist system. There is no other reason."

#### JACK CRANE

"I am being sent to San Quentin on a charge of having conspired. With whom have I conspired? What have I done? What have I said? Nothing definite has been proven against us. You have not said that you have done such and such a thing and therefore, because of this action, you shall be punished. You have failed to prove against us anything concretely—not only myself, (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3.)

# 191 Northwest Organizations Plan Fight on War, Fascism

## 50,000 REPRESENTED IN UNITED FRONT CONGRESS AT SEATTLE

**Delegates Answer Army Day With Plans of Action Against War and for Workers' Rights**

SEATTLE, Wash., April 6.—In the historic hall of the Central Labor Council which served as the headquarters of the Seattle General Strike in 1919, on the 15th anniversary of America's entry into the last World War, with the Army Day Parade passing by the Northwest Congress Against War and Fascism was called to order by Major L. A. Milner, U. S. Army, retired.

The Congress was composed of 307 delegates from 191 organizations, representing approximately 50,000 people in Oregon, Idaho, Montana, and Washington. The broad cross-section is indicated by 19 delegations from 24 A. F. of L. unions, 20 delegates from 16 Commonwealth Builders' units, 10 representatives of ten independent trade unions, 24 delegates from 16 units of the Communist Party, 30 delegates from 16 youth organizations, 3 representatives of 2 church groups, one of them the Olympic Evangel Church Council, 18 delegates from 12 branches and six regions of the American League Against War and Fascism, 16 delegates from 4 branches of the Technocrats, one representative of Pierce County Socialist Party of Washington, 65 delegates from organized and unemployed groups with dozens of miscellaneous groups.

It was voted to send delegates to the Anti-War Congress in San Francisco, April 28.

The unanimity of purpose and program was tremendous. Delegates took the floor at both the main sessions and sub-sessions to direct a mighty offensive against the rulers of finance and industry and especially the Roosevelt Administration with its agents, in leadership of the American Legion and in the Chambers of Commerce, for their drive toward fascism and war.

The Trade Union Sub-Section voted for (1) immediate action in

**Sinclair Campaign Manager Tours South Seas In \$7000 Yacht**

LOS ANGELES, April 11.—Rehfeld S. Otto, former campaign manager for Upton Sinclair and professional organizer for the unemployed, is to take to sea in a \$7000 yacht which he has purchased, it was announced today at EPIC headquarters.

The latest move in ending poverty in California, at least for Otto, will take him to the South Sea Islands, where the native sick coconuts for the imperialists whose yachts will be anchored alongside the epic leader's yacht. Mermaids along the route will doubt take interest in the fact that the former Socialist's \$7000 yacht is named "Opie," and it is reported that Otto is willing to give them a lecture on "protection for use," in case they take him more seriously.

Otto has just rejoined yet as president of the End Poverty League but it was admitted at EPIC headquarters that he had been inactive for several months and had been retained in office in a feeble attempt to camouflage the disension which has been rife in the movement during the recent national primaries.

**A. Police Try To Dalt May Day Meet; Ban Loud Speakers**

LOS ANGELES, April 12.—A large crowd gathered at the Plaza might interfere with street car service. That was the excuse offered by the Los Angeles Police Commission when they unanimously voted down the application of the Provisional Committee for Action on May Day to prohibit loud speakers between noon and 5 p.m. at the Plaza.

Ann Epstein, secretary of the committee, pointed out that before the date of the May Day demonstration, the Santa Ana Club was conducting an investigation of the fitness of candidates for the Mayorality, the City Council and the office of Chief of Police. The Harbor District Club backed three liberal candidates for school trusteeship, polling 261 votes for them.

### \* Rank and File

The two clubs are constructed on a rank and file basis, with officials elected for three months and subject to immediate recall if desired by the members. Weekly chairmanships rotate and not only are the men represented, but many Mexican farmhands and among housewives have joined. The

## General Strike In Mexico to Back Oil Field Workers

### ELECTRICAL WORKERS

#### TIE UP TAMPICO LIGHT, POWER

TAMPICO, Mexico, April 12.—The General Confederation of Workers and Peasants is calling a nationwide general strike in support of the strike in the Huasteca oil fields. The city of Tampico is already without light and power in a sympathetic strike of electrical workers, and all Tampico trade unions are calling a general strike on April 19 in support of the oil workers.

The Mexican Government has sent troops patrolling Tampico in an effort to break the strike with terror and is attempting to supply electricity for the street lights with scab labor. Electrical workers throughout Mexico have received notice that they are going out in support of the general strike.

MEXICO CITY, Mex., April 12.—The strike of bus and taxi drivers and city railway employees for higher wages and better conditions is 100 per cent solid with transportation tied up. The workers have refused all arbitration until their demands are granted. The English company owning the railways and which supplies Mexico City with electricity receives the full cooperation of the Mexican Government in efforts to break the strike.

At the same time workers on the National Railways are preparing to tie up all railway lines in the country in a general strike to force the companies to grant uniform wage scales, and better working conditions. The strike was voted two weeks ago.

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## East of the Rockies

### Detroit Auto Workers' Strike

DETROIT, Mich., April 11.—More than 1,000 workers struck at the Hupmobile plant late last week, demanding higher wages and recognition of their union. The strike followed an enthusiastic mass meeting held the night before. Virtually all the workers are out, including the tool and die makers who are members of the Mechanics Educational Society of America, independent. The strike here is the first substantial walkout in the Detroit area this year, and may be the signal for strike action in other shops.

### 2 Communist Councilmen Sentenced

TAYLOR SPRINGS, Ill., April 11.—Two Communist members of the City Council, Frank Pansic and Frank Prickett, were sentenced to serve 60 days in jail for "contempt of court" for having sent protests to Judge D. George, demanding the release of nine other workers framed for having resisted an eviction. The evidence upon which the judge passed the sentence was two post-cards on which the two workers wrote: "I protest the arrest of the Verdun boys and demand that the charges against them be dropped." The judge said "You issued a card attempting to intimidate the court."

### Negroes Shot in Carolina Prison Camp

ELIZABETH, N. C., April 11.—In a revolt of Negro prisoners in the Woodville prison camp near here, guards shot two and hurried tear-gas bombs among the others. Revelations of horrible conditions and brutal torture of Negro prisoners in North Carolina convict camps were recently made to a legislative committee appointed to investigate the camps, following the amputation of the feet of Woodrow Wilson Shropshire and Robert Barnes, Negro youths, as a result of the torture and neglect at the Mecklenburg County convict camp.

### 1,000 Students Strike At War

ANN ARBOR, Mich., April 11.—More than 1,000 students at the University of Michigan left classes at 11 a.m., April 5, in a strike against war and fascism. Gathering at an open air meeting on the Library steps, they raised their hands in solemn pledge "never to support our government in any war it may conduct." The strike was organized by the National Students League, the Michigan Youth Congress, the Vanguard Club and two girls' dormitories. The demonstration was a forerunner of the nation-wide student strike scheduled for April 12.

### Jimcrow Veto Upheld

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 11.—At the same time that the U. S. Supreme Court handed down the Scottsboro decision, it upheld the right of the Democratic Party of Texas to exclude Negroes from its primaries in rejecting the ticket of a Negro, R. R. Grover, who had brought suit for the right to vote in the Texas Democratic primaries. The Supreme Court decision denied that any constitutional rights had been violated by the Texas Democratic Party in excluding Negroes from its primaries, even though they were members of the Democratic Party.

## Whitaker Scores S. F. News Attack On Leo Gallagher

SAN FRANCISCO, April 7.—The following letter written by Rev. Robert Whitaker, was sent to the San Francisco News, in answer to an editorial which appeared in that Scripps-Howard paper the day after the Sacramento Criminal Syndicalism verdicts were known:

Los Gatos, Calif.  
ROBERT WHITAKER,

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The editorial was particularly vicious in its insistence that justice which it was believed by an attempt to lay blame for the convictions, to the reactionary capitalist machinery which engineered the whole frameup but on the defense Attorney Leo Gallagher made. Gallagher was cited for contempt of court when protesting a part of the frameup. Gallagher's methods have been admiration of all class conscious workers who have heard him, and have been responsible for the freedom of countless workers he had defended for the International Labor Defense.

The letter follows:  
Editor, The San Francisco News,  
San Francisco, Calif.  
Editor—

Your editorial, "THE SACRAMENTO VERDICT," in your issue for April 2 does you credit, except for the undeserved criticism of Leo Gallagher. It has been my privilege to have intimate acquaintance for more than ten years now with this rare exponent of just and decent legal procedure as against the Criminal Syndicalism which throughout this period and more has made the courts of California models before the world. Twice have I seen him dragged from a public platform before he had had opportunity for any utterance, by minnows of the law who would have been highly honored had they been allowed to black his shoes. Concerning his technical skill or innocence with respect to the situation in Sacramento I have nothing to say at this time, for I was not there.

But permit me space to bear this personal witness, that in the forty-seven years I have lived on the Pacific Coast, in which period I have associated beyond common measure with the lawyers and judges of three States, Leo Gallagher, above any other attorney I have known, has carried more weight with me, than any one of them, for his combination of high legal learning, unquestionable integrity, moral courage, passion for equal justice for all, and noble daring against prostitution in high places.

If at times he has exploded with something of the vitriolic fury with which Jesus of Nazareth castigated the criminal legalism of His own day I can well allow for it. Were Cali-

## COMMUNIST PARTY LEADS FIGHT FOR CUBAN WORKERS FREEDOM

### Lola Torriente Says Wall St. Main Foe Of Cuban Soviets

"If it were not for the support given by the Mendieta-Batista regime by the American Imperialists the Cuban masses long ago would have been able to set up their own government of Soviets," the diminutive but fiery Lola De La Torriente declared in an interview given this week to the Western Worker.

Comrade Torriente is near the end of a long tour of the United States. During her more than ninety days of meetings she has brought clearly before the American workers the crying need of the brutally terrorized Cuban masses for support in their revolutionary and anti-imperialist struggle.

### • Hate Caffrey

"The Cuban workers hate Ambassador Caffrey," Comrade Torriente exclaimed. "He gives Wall Street's orders to General Batista and President Mendieta. He is responsible for the most terrible reign of terror the Cuban workers have ever experienced. The American workers must flood Washington with their protests and demand the removal of Ambassador Caffrey."

There was no mistaking the hatred in comrade Torriente's dark eyes as she made this statement. In her burned all the pent up emotion of the Cuban workers, jailed, beaten and murdered so that Wall Street can continue to wring profits from its investments in the Cuban sugar industry.

### • Caffrey Broke Strike

"The General Strike was not a decisive victory for the workers," she declared. "But it would have been had it not been for the government and the army which took its orders from Caffrey. During the strike more than 100 workers were killed in the streets of Havana, 5,000 were jailed and more than 1,200 were forced into exile."

"Batista's army attacked all trade union headquarters, smashed offices and furniture, took all books and recruited an army of scabs to replace the union workers. The headquarters are filled with these scabs."

Comrade Torriente declared the General Strike was, however, a wonderful victory for the Communist Party of Cuba. The Party had issued the united front call for support of the strike. It met with the immediate response of practically every trade union organization in the island. Is it any wonder the Mendieta-Batista-Caffrey regime is now concentrating all its efforts against the Communist Party, murdering and jailing its members, smashing its press and driving it ever deeper underground?

But in spite of the terror, the Communist Party of Cuba continues as a whole as well acquainted with Leo Gallagher as I am and there is no position so far within the legal area to which they would not feel honored to elect him. His day of distinguished recognition is coming whatever the incidental judgment of this hour.

Los Gatos, Calif.  
ROBERT WHITAKER,

### "Viva Los Trabajadores de Cuba!"



Meeting in Gallup, New Mexico, where miners and their families cheered the report of Lola De La Torriente on the Cuban workers' fight for Soviets. Many of those in the picture now face murder charges.

uses to function. The Party press, illegal now, appears regularly and its circulation is increasing.

"Cuba is a small island," Comrade Torriente explained. "The workers are militant but they are not strong enough in numbers to fight a revolution alone. They need the support of the American workers. If they get this support Wall Street and the American government will be forced to grant Cuba self-determination.

"The National Federation of Labor in Cuba has 300,000 members. It is the Trade Union Unity League of Cuba. And the Communist Party already has the support of the great majority of the Cuban workers, professional and even intellectual and petty-bourgeois classes."

"The National Confederation has a special Women's Department,"

Comrade Torriente said proudly.

"The Cuban women were confined at first and it was hard to get them into the struggle. But now in the Tobacco Unions alone there are 30,000 women. And their leader, Theresa Garcia, is a Negro. The government loosed its terror against her in an attempt to get her out of the union."

"The Negro workers are joining the Communist Party in great numbers," she declared. "They come into the Party under the slogan of 'Self-determination.'

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# ORIGINAL DEFECTIVE

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WESTERN WORKER

Monday, April 15, 1935

## POVERTY AMIDST PLENTY PRODUCT OF CAPITALISM

### Survey of American Productive Capacity Shows 287 Billion Loss In Five Years

Here are facts and major conclusions from *The Chart of Plenty* by Harold Loeb and Associates (Viking Press, \$2.50). They are the result of an extensive original study carried on by national Survey of Potential Productive Capacity.

If the people of the United States were not limited and restricted by capitalism but only by physical factors and knowledge, as in the Soviet Union, they could have produced and consumed between 1929 and 1934, goods and services above what they actually did produce equivalent to the staggering sum of 287 billions of dollars. This annual "loss to the consumer" amounted to 42 billions in 1929 at the peak of United States' prosperity, 51 billions in 1930, 59 billions in 1931, 70 billions in 1932, and 65 billions in 1933—a total of 287 billions for the five-year period. \$4370 a year.

During 1929, assuming the existing equipment, man power and the absence of the profit system, plant capacity, and assuming also every family in this country could have enjoyed goods and services equivalent to at least \$4370 a year (in 1929 dollars).

"If our present productive plant were freed of capitalistic restrictions," says Loeb, "we could at once raise the population to a standard of living twice as high as 90 per cent of them enjoyed in 1933, and probably three times as high as they enjoy today."

Budget value of all the foods, clothes and services needed by the people of the United States amounted to only about 135 billions in 1929, as compared with the 93 billions actually produced but mal-distributed, according to the rules of capitalism, in that year. This 135 billion would allow

## MAY DAY

(Continued from Page 1) for United Action Against the Criminal Syndicalism Act will be held at Diamond Auditorium, Steiner and Post St. This meeting is expected to exceed even the great meeting held at Philharmonic Auditorium in Los Angeles last Saturday night when fifteen hundred workers failed to be turned away for lack of seating capacity. In preparation for this meeting a radio broadcast is being held over station KTAB every Monday night between 7:15 and 7:30. Leading representatives of labor, church, political and fraternal groups have spoken over these broadcasts. This Monday, April 15, speakers will be Wm. Thursby Brown, Ben Legere, Rev. R. Whittaker and Harry Collentz, the latter one of the Sacramento defendants who was acquitted.

## STUDENT STRIKE

(Continued from Page 1) day by Pasadena police for distributing handbills on the campus. The students were Marjorie Jones and Margaret Halleman, both Pasadena residents. They were arraigned on a charge of distributing handbills without a license and were released on bail of \$25 each pending jury trial April 25.

At Los Angeles Junior college the following day Martha Adams, Junior college student, was arrested by three "red squad" detectives, a procedure which caused a near riot on the college campus by sympathizers. She was arraigned on a charge of violating the city handbill ordinance.

### Street Sales Are Mass Sales

## AT LAST! THE WORKERS HAVE A Six-page Twice-A- Week paper!

**More Red Builders Are Needed**

(Friday edition is now six-page, too!)

Become a builder for our press. Reach new heights on the streets of Western cities and towns.

A Western Worker sale today means a party sympathizer next month; a recruit next year.

### Special Inducements and Subsidies To Real Hustlers

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37 Grove Street,  
San Francisco, Calif.  
(See Harold Ashe or  
Harry Kramer)

### Pedro Cotton Compress Men Cut In Strike

SAN PEDRO, Calif., April 11.—Approximately 250 cotton compress workers, members of Local 38-106, International Longshoremen's Association struck here today.

The strikers are demanding union recognition and the right of collective bargaining.

### Oakland Workers In Election Rally For Their Candidates

OAKLAND, April 12.—Three workers' candidates endorsed by the Communist Party, are running in the local city elections. Tom Farrell is running for City Councilman in District No. 5. Virginia Weber runs for School Director and Leon Vannier is a candidate for City Councilman in District No. 3.

At a rally at Danish Hall, 164 Eleventh St., Oakland, Saturday, April 13, these three candidates will present their platform, which includes adequate relief budget for unemployed; repeal of anti-picketing and vagrancy laws; medical care, food and clothing for needy children; and publicity and prosecution for those responsible for the millions of dollars waste on unsafe school buildings which were recently condemned even though practically new.

### GALLUP

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without charge or warrant, and under protective arrest" supposedly to protect them from the reign of terror of vigilantes who were terrorizing homes and families throughout the area. Once in jail, charges were cooked up against them and now these "protected" workers are facing a murder charge for which they may be hanged.

The trial has been moved out of Gallup into this capital of the state where politicians and officials are directly under the thumb of the big mining interests of the state. Coincidental with this trial which is undoubtedly encouraged by the Criminal Syndicalism frame-up in California and Oregon, is the widespread deportation drive under which some 20,000 Mexican workers are facing deportation, "We hope we will have a war with Japan so that seamen will get what they want." The seamen at San Pedro and the Firemen here have passed motion demanding that Scharrenberg resign from the positions he now holds in the ISU. San Francisco seamen passed a resolution condemning him for his war mongering, but Scharrenberg's henchmen in the union prevented the action from receiving publicity.

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### SCOTTSBORO VICTORY RALLY

Tuesday April 23, at 8:00 P.M.

Western Addition Hall

2226 FILLMORE ST. (Bet. Sacramento and Clay)

Hear Prominent Speakers Explain:

The historic decision of the United States Supreme Court, a victory in the four year long struggle for Negro rights and what it means to the working people as a whole."

COME EARLY

### WITH THE CIRCULATION BUILDERS

By H. J. A.

Six pages twice a week is now the schedule for the Western Worker.

Beginning with this issue, the Friday edition will carry six pages, as well as the Tuesday issue. This means that readers will get 20 per cent more news weekly.

To warrant this additional expense, however, more and more workers must rally to the Western Worker as street and house-to-house salesmen. Meetings of every description must be covered more effectively.

Increase in the number of pages can only be warranted by a marked increase in circulation.

Here's how workers throughout the district can show their determination to increase the circulation and BUILD TOWARD A WESTERN DAILY WORKER

1—Establish Red Builder corners in the busy districts of every city and town.

2—Establish regular neighborhood routes, selling the paper for 30 or 35 cents a month. There is hardly a worker but who can service at least a small route of five to ten customers per week.

One hundred such routes in California, Arizona and Nevada would increase our bundle circulation by 500 to 1000 copies per issue.

3—Establish regular factory gate distribution during lunch hours and quitting time.

4—Get more leading newsstands to handle the Western Worker.

It can't be done!"

How It's Done.

Arthur A. Tarkun, red builder

### C. S. DEFENDANTS SPEAK

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but all of us. Therefore, I say we are being framed because of our interest in the working class. We are a thorn in the side of capitalism. Capitalism wishes to brush us aside. It is not the will of the people of California."

LORINE NORMAN

(Court asks her if she wishes to make application for probation as provided by the jury.)

"I feel that application for probation will be an admission of guilt. I am not guilty under this Criminal Syndicalism Law and therefore make no application for probation.

"Apparently Mr. McAllister, with his stool pigeons, Hanks, Harr, Harris, Hicks and Hemminger, didn't feel that he had enough stool pigeon evidence and fished around to get some other, but he didn't succeed in getting me. Even when I was on trial, Mr. McAllister sent word to me and said that he would like to have a talk with me. Of course I refused.

"I really wish that I had done as much as my seven comrades who were convicted with me.

"And I say to the working class that it should go out and organize. They will probably be charged with Criminal Syndicalism, but it is the only way they will get anything."

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the ISU has refused to allow or sanction militant picketing, a number of tankers have been moved with scab crews.

Solidarity Grows.

The Council of Marine Crafts here, representing more than 15,000 maritime workers already have its official support to the strike. The International Longshoremen stand ready to back the men, if and when the strike is spread. Longshoremen all along have been more than willing to aid the seamen but the maneuver of the Scharrenberg-Larsen-McGowen clique have been toward sabotaging the growing unity of the maritime workers.

Shippers have published their open shop proposals made in the trial of the clowns, which have resulted in his making hypocritical statement about all getting a fair trial. This vicious lie was given out while the maneuver of the frameup is being alleged to have been called as a mobilization to incite three of the prisoners.

The calm brutality of capitalism to a Negro is well exemplified in this; that it hangs him—"by mistake"—and he could believe that his white lawyer would joke about a stay of execution. He was hanged for killing his victim in a petty holdup in Los Angeles. The Supreme Court states that there is nothing to be done about it, unless Griffin's mother should try to bring a civil suit against the state officials who can not be punished for this brutal "error" they have made.

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By Terry Casey.

## 4 SAN QUENTIN CLASS WAR PRISONERS ARE DENIED MAIL RIGHTS

MOONEY, CORNELIESON,  
SCHMIDT, McNAMARA  
REFUSED BULLETINS

A farmer had been to the Sacramento legislature for the first time, eager to see and hear the administration candidates he had been talked into voting for.

He returned home somewhat more serious and quiet than he had left. "Well, what did you learn?" asked his wife.

"Well," he replied, "Not so much. But anyway, I found out what strategy is."

"Well, if I hold you black is white, you say I was foolish, because a senior says black is white and pounds his table with both fists, and bellows like a bull in a styatory. And like as not they'll pass a bill about it."

All constituents who have any classconsciousness wise-cracks or jokes or silly items out of the capitalist press, and want to toss a few painted bricks at the bosses, send them right away, because there's twice as much space to fill now with it than there was when the Western Worker was a weekly."

Hitler wants a Schelling-Krae championship fight in Berlin this summer and expects a \$500,000 stake. Unfortunately for Nazi ballyhoo, the plans are likely to fall through. May we suggest that if he wants a real million-dollar gate he match Herr Goering with one of his assignees for a ten-round bout. Hitler could take on the winner.

### BRIGHT SAYINGS OF CHILDREN

"Hitler is not prepared for war,"—Lloyd George.

The King of Belgium has just given the Prince of Wales an order which a forthcoming jackass and snob. It has the peculiar ability to see in two directions at the same time. No doubt the idea is that it can watch the upper contradictions which are falling each other in the British Empire.

Mrs. Roosevelt declares the White House is overrun with mice. Always bellieth! We thought they were rats.

PRIZE NEWS DISPATCHES (MADRID), April 8. The Spanish cabinet decided today to lift the state of war declared last October against provinces and to proclaim a "state of alarm."

Among other news of the year gone by in the new style books to find out what they will wear this year.

And some twenty-odd million of us will look in the mirror to find out.

The small painted Bastille that used to sell inowhere for 25 cents now sells at the a yard—40 cent in a Manchester (N.H.) hardware store. But it is a just price.

JUICE, ET CETERA

Robert Ripley put down his empty glass and lifted his bleary eyes to the lady on the other side of the table.

"They say the Saar has gone to Germany now," he got out with an effort. "But what are the Russians going to say about that?"

The Russians! What have they got to do with it?"

Ripley blinked. "But," said he, "I thought the Saar used to be the King of Russia."

SAN FRANCISCO, April 10.—A new move on the part of Warden Holloman of San Quentin to add to the persecution of the four lifetimer political prisoners under his charge, is being vigorously protested by the International Labor Defense through its National Prisoners' Relief Department. Warden Holloman has refused to allow Tom Mooney, J. P. McNamara, Matthew Schmidt and John Cornelison, all convicted because of their political beliefs and working-class activity, to receive copies of the weekly news letter sent by the I. L. D. to all political prisoners.

Warden Holloman a year ago refused to allow Mooney to attend the funeral of his mother. In a letter to the warden protesting this new persecution, Rose Baron, national secretary of the Prisoners' Relief Department, wrote in part:

"These four men have been sentenced to life terms, and they have already served from 12 to 24 years. To deprive them of all contact with friends in the outside world, is mental torture, which you are deliberately inflicting on these prisoners as an additional persecution because of their political ideas.

"We shall continue to send letters to our friends and fellow workers behind the bars, and we demand that they be allowed to receive them."

McNamara has written: "I received weekly the news letters. I enjoyed them immensely and the effort put into them was deeply appreciated by me." Warren K. Billing, convicted with Mooney to a life term, writes: "The idea of the weekly news letter is a very good one, and I am sure that all the prisoners enjoy them as much as I do." Similar letters have come from many other prisoners.

The International Labor Defense asks that workers and sympathizers immediately write to Warden Holloman at California State Prison, San Quentin, California, in protest.

## JESSUP MILKERS STRIKE; \$70 PAY WON AT VISEBECH

LOS ANGELES, April 10.—Milkers of the dairy ranch of Mr. Roger Jessup, L. A. supervisor, are on strike again.

The milkers at Jessup's Redondo plant walked out April 7 and were informed by their foreman that their demands of two days off a month and a \$15.00 a month raise is not much better than another U. S. U. I. strike.

The T. U. C. L. milkers at the Hillside dairy located at Mt. Monte also walked out April 7, and are still out.

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## Literature Book Reviews

the large class distribution of the Communist classics and of instant revolutionary action and rebellion. The Book Union, members' book of the month club, is recently open or organized.

The Book Union will complete the work of the organization that will be formed at the forthcoming "Writers' Congress." This an effective attack can now be made on the problems of mass distribution of revolutionary literature, and so providing a real basis for the books of the contemporary revolutionary writers.

Although designed on the traditional book club pattern, the Book Union will be operated on a non-profit basis. Its work will be carried on by volunteer, but experienced professional workers from publishing houses, newspapers and various cultural organizations. Its Editorial Board will consist of Philip Block, Malcolm Cowley, Robert W. Dunn, Henry Hart, Granville Hicks, Corliss Lamont, Elmer Schindler, Bernard Smith, Alexander Trachtenberg and Mary Van Kleek. Its Advisory Council will be composed of writers, critics, editors and others, wellknown in the revolutionary movement.

A small fee will be charged for membership and each member

will obligate himself to buy at least two books a year of the club's "selections," which will be chosen each month by the Editorial Board. These books will be sold to members only, at a price well below the publisher's retail price.

All members will receive free the Book Union's monthly Bulletin, carrying reviews of selected books, brief descriptions and recommendations of other books, and miscellaneous book news and listings.

All members will be entitled to one free book for every four selected books they buy, and they will have the further privilege of buying other books from a selected list at a discount. The monthly selections will be made from the list of International Publishers as well as from those of all other issued on or about September 15, but an intensive and extensive drive for members is now being initiated.

The Book Union can be successfully organized only on the basis of the active, devoted and cooperative support of all class conscious workers. Full information and literature is now available and can be obtained from Marian Klopfer, executive secretary, Book Union, 381 Fourth Ave., New York City.

## The Perfect Soldier



## Cuban Consul Here Promises to Send Protests to Govt.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 11.—In—no one in Cuba is shot in the back—they're all shot in front!

So declared one of the minor officials at the Cuban Consulate here when a delegation of workers, elected at the Lola De La Torriente meetings, went there to protest the Wall Street-Mendetta terror now gripping the island.

José Zarza, head of the Consulate, was polite, suave and very indefinite. He "had not been in Cuba for twenty-seven years," and he wasn't "very well acquainted with conditions there now."

He was well enough versed in Cuban affairs, however, to admit that Wall Street-American imperialism—controls most of the important industries of the island. He warned the delegation that the Cuban workers never would be able to effect a permanent, successive revolution until the workers of America came to their rescue.

Zarza declared his position as chief of the Consulate prevented him from taking any definite political stand, but said he would send the protests to the Cuban Ambassador at Washington and also to the Department of the Interior in Cuba.

"Neither I nor my family have been harmed by the Cuban government," he pointed out as a possible refutation of the statement of the committee spokesman to the effect that hundreds of Cuban workers had been shot and thousands imprisoned as a result of the General Strike. The committee was unimpressed.

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**"HANGED BY ACCIDENT"**

**SAN QUENTIN HANGS MAN BY ACCIDENT.** This headline, flung in the face of all California, caused thousands to stop in their tracks and read it twice. BY ACCIDENT!

The burning of the Moro Castle was another "ACCIDENT."

The burning alive of 250 inmates of the Ohio State Penitentiary a few years ago was another "ACCIDENT."

The burning alive of 100 relief workers in the Griffith Park canyon fire in Los Angeles during 1933 was another "ACCIDENT."

The devastation of farming areas by AAA policies is another "ACCIDENT."

Ten of the Sacramento Criminal Syndicalism defendants were dismissed or acquitted after spending SEVEN MONTHS IN PRISON awaiting trial. This was another "ACCIDENT."

Nine of these C. S. defendants have been convicted to long prison terms without any evidence of any crime being cited against them. Is this another "ACCIDENT?"

Tom Mooney has been imprisoned for 18 years in San Quentin while the whole world knows that he is the innocent victim of a frame-up. This, too, is a capitalist "ACCIDENT."

Giacco and Vanzetti were burned in the electric chair for crimes they had not committed.

Two workers were shot IN THE BACK during the 1934 Longshoremen strike.

**THE WORLD WAR AND THE DEPRESSION** are probably capitalism's supreme "ACCIDENTS."

**ACCIDENTS**, if we are to proppour our definition from an examination of what capitalism lists under that heading, are a combination of CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE, CRIMINAL VIOLICIOUSNESS, AND CLASS GREED.

County Clerk L. E. Lampton formulated an alibi applicable to the thousands of ACCIDENTS which comprise the history of capitalism. He said the tragedy was due to "a combination of small errors for which no one person, apparently, was entirely responsible."

In back of every ACCIDENT is a story of corruption, greed, and brutality which gains momentary publicity until the inevitable "investigation" weaves a cocoon of fake reform around it. No correction has ever resulted from any of these "investigations" nor will any result from the cross-fire of buck passing which has followed the hanging of Rush Griffin.

No possible rearrangement of administrators can cure the ills of an incompetent, unjust and unworkable social system. The ACCIDENTS of capitalism become more disastrous and hysterical each year. The history of America has been a history of lip-service crusades against corruption, against crime, against graft, against poverty, against war. The achievement of this virtuous bombast is that today America is the foulest sink of corruption in all its history; it is facing the most serious crime-wave of all time; it is so ridden with graft that thousands of men and women have adopted the conclusion that graft is "human nature" and one must accept it and make the best of it. Mass poverty in America has reached a scale never before equalled. That this poverty exists in the wealthiest land on earth and is attributed to "over-production" testifies sufficiently to the insanity of its government. Finally, the Nation stands on the verge of the worst war in history.

American capitalism has approached the problem of crime with gun and club. As a result, crime has grown to almost uncontrollable proportions. The prisons are packed so far beyond their capacities as to constitute torture houses in which the minds and spirits of the inmates are broken. The hundreds of attempted prison breaks recorded in the past few years are the result of men tortured to such desperation they are willing to risk their lives on slim and almost hopeless bids for freedom.

In a nation ruled by insane private greed, with a penal system as brutal and barbaric as the Spanish inquisition, it is not surprising that we are greeted by headlines: SAN QUENTIN HANGS MAN BY ACCIDENT.

The most important "clue" to the ACCIDENT is the fact that Rush Griffin was a Negro. The brutal chauvinism exercised against the Negro people in every day American life, gives some indication of the extremes of persecution they face in prisons. Since Rush Griffin was a Negro, the San Quentin authorities did not fit to make anything but a cursory check on the details of his conviction. Since Rush Griffin was a Negro, the apparatus of the courts did not regard care as necessary in the handling of his case.

There is only one cure for all the ACCIDENTS of capitalism. That is a Workers' and Farmers' Government. The workers of Soviet Russia have achieved this, and their prison system is the most advanced in the world. They have not only liquidated the greatest amount of crime but are constantly decreasing what criminality still remains from the old order. And in Soviet Russia, Negroes and all other racial minorities enjoy full and equal rights.

**S. F. Workers' Picnic Planned For April 21**

**SAN FRANCISCO**, April 9.—The Annual Workers' Picnic, under the auspices of District 13, Communist Party of the U. S. A., will be held April at New Portola Park, about six miles west of Menlo Park.

Games, sports, a workers' play, choruses, mass singing, speeches and dancing all are on the day's agenda. The Committee on arrangements for the picnic has announced that the park can accommodate approximately ten thousand persons.

A barbecue, including the world-

famous delicacy, shashlick, tea, coffee and other beverages are included on the luncheon menu. Cheap prices will prevail.

**WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR THE PICNIC**

1. Send delegates to the conferences at 37 Grove St., every Monday eve, at 8 o'clock.

2. Register all cars and trucks for transportation at 37 Grove Street.

3. Donate coffee, sugar, canned milk and cake toward the picnic.

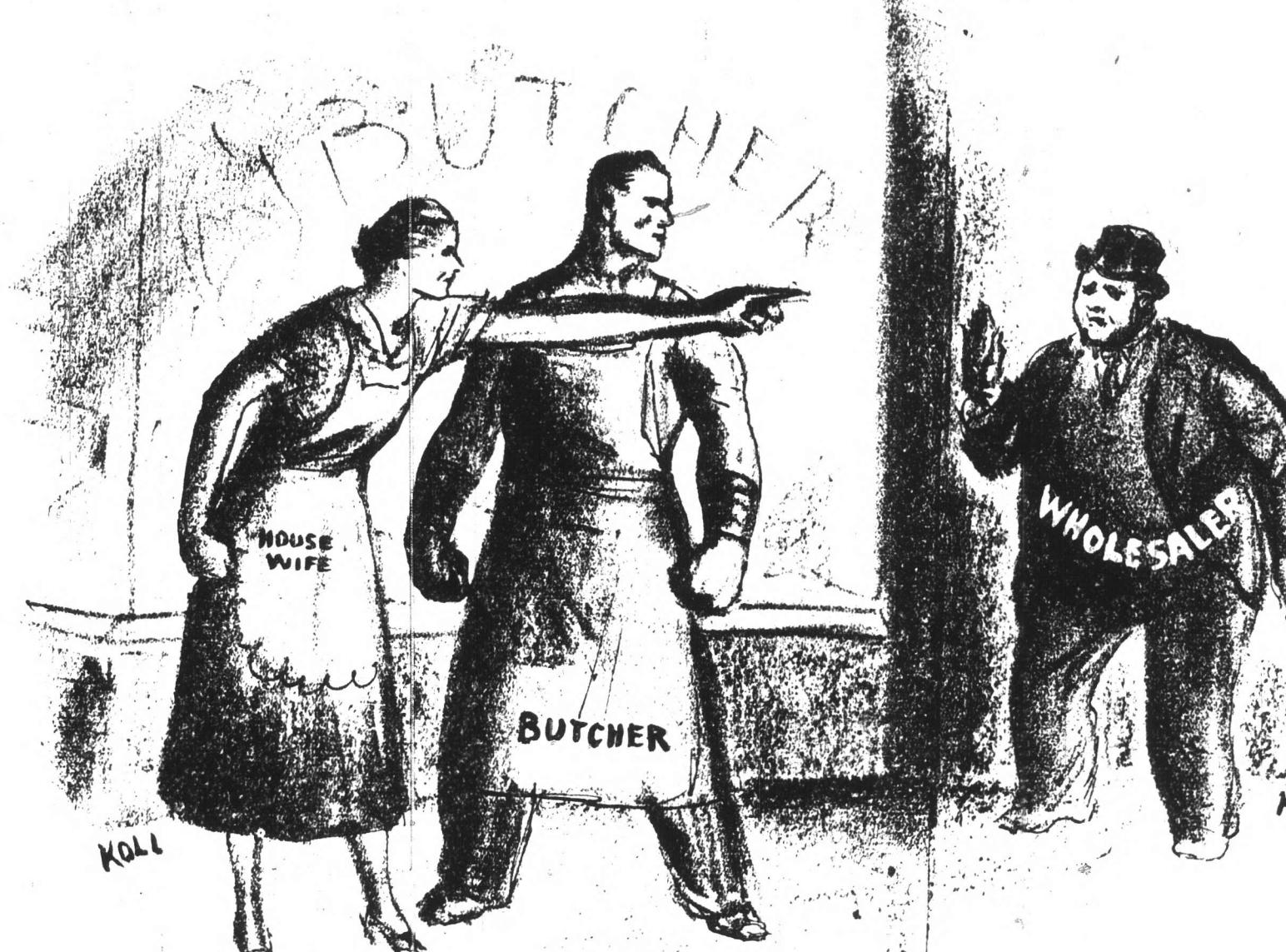
4. Get your tickets and publicity matter at 37 Grove Street. Tickets are 25 cents—transportation both ways an additional 25 cents.

5. You can still purchase 100 tickets for \$15. The profit is yours.

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**"Join Our Fight! He's Your Enemy, Too!"****WORKERS' OPEN FORUM**

San Francisco, March 28, 35  
Editor Western Worker:

Allow me to get this letter published in the Western Worker, which was refused by the capitalist paper the San Francisco News.

A letter published by Mr. E. A. Lindahl in the "Pulse of the Public" (the News) March 15th claims that 87 per cent of the nation's entire income goes to labor, and as a free people we can still exercise intelligence, courage and foresight to a brighter future. My answer, which was refused by the "News", is as follows:

Editor of the Pulse of the Public:

Mr. E. A. Lindahl tries to prove that 87% of the nation's entire income resolves itself into human labor wages, based on the report by the National Bureau of Economic Research, document No. 124.

According to the Government's own statistics, of about \$48 billion worth of wealth produced in the last year, around 47% of it went into wages for human

labor; the rest into profits, some also derived from machine labor.

In the year 1916 a committee provided for by the Congress of the U.S.A. reported that 2% of the people owned 60% of the wealth of this country.

In 1930 the Federal Trade Commission made a study. They found it worse, only one per cent of the people owned 59% of the wealth.

As a result of foreclosures of mortgages and bankruptcies since 1930 it is the estimate of conservative statisticians that 75% of the people of the U.S.A. don't own anything, and less than 1% own from 85% to 95% of all the wealth in the country.

In regard to a free people, the Doodland mass meeting proves that we are not free and almost all intelligent people know that, William Randolph Hearst, etc., etc., aim with their "Americanism" and red baiting as a disguise to abolish the little freedom we still have.

V. D.

TACOMA, Wash., April 9.  
Workers' Open Forum:

At a meeting conducted here last week by the American League Against War and Fascism, a speaker read the Western Worker account of the police brutality against Mrs. Delta Dale.

It was the highest point of the evening; the whole audience seemed to go "red" in a real united front against the fascism of which such terror is a part. So a thousand miles away, the fiendish tactics of the boss class defeated their own purpose, and advanced, the Democrats and their mountebank hero, "Alfalfa Bill" Murray.

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This does not exhaust the record of Ameringer. There is reason for believing that he remained in a faction of the Democratic Party while publishing the "Guardian" into the year 1932. His father-in-law, Dan Hogan, former Socialist helped elect "Alfalfa Bill" Murray Governor and Hogan received an appointment from the Governor. Hogan is linked with Ameringer in the publishing business. At the Milwaukee convention of the party, 1932, Ameringer seriously asked Samuel Beardley's advice as to whether he (Ameringer) should accept the Democratic nomination for Governor of Oklahoma! This would indicate that Ameringer was still a Democrat in good standing while serving as a delegate to the Socialist convention.

\* Aided Capitalist Governor  
Early in 1932 Ameringer made

A subscription tour of Oregon. Within a few weeks thereafter the subscribers received a letter from the "Murray for President" headquarters in Oklahoma City stating that their names were obtained "from a mutual friend". The letter stated that in Oklahoma the Governor had almost unanimous support of the Old Socialist and Progressive Republicans. This also links Ameringer and the "Guardian" with the Democrats and their mountebank hero, "Alfalfa Bill" Murray.

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In all the history of the Socialist movement at home and abroad there has never been so disgusting a betrayal of all that is fine and noble in the Socialist movement as the "Guardian". The charlatan who runs it has no scruples. If he and his son are party members in Oklahoma they should be expelled for their offenses against the party. Here in New York City the "militant" Washington Heights Branch in a complaint against the New Leader before the N. E. C. objected that I had run a letter under my signature against the "Guardian". The branch may well feel proud of its united front with this disgusting sheet.

(To Be Continued)

We are going to turn our youth over to the Fascists?

We know that the 100 per centers and the patriots are making every effort to win over the sons and daughters of the working class for their Fascist program.

We know, too, that they are trying to turn the schools and colleges into breeding grounds of labor-hating, red-baiting vigilantes.

We know, too, that the labor "leaders" of the type of Vandeleur, with his "junior union", are trying to win the sons and daughters of the working class away from the policy of militant unionism that their fathers are beginning to adopt.

In Germany, Fascism rode into power on the backs of instead young workers and students.

Are we going to let the same thing happen here?

The Young Communist League is determined that we will NOT let this happen—that the young workers shall fight side by side with their parents, for better conditions, that students and unemployed youth shall resist the attempt to turn them into cannon-fodder and sea reserves.

The Young Communist League needs YOUR help.

Seven months ago, the YCL of California established its own district newspaper—now named the Voice of Youth, appearing semi-monthly, and addressing itself to young workers, to students, to unemployed youth—telling the stories of the lives of youth, of their struggles, bringing the program and platform of the YCL to them in terms they can understand.

Now this paper needs YOUR help—your financial assistance,

so that we can build up a reserve fund to guarantee the continued existence of the paper in the face of possible attacks on our apparatus—to make possible the improvements and explanations to make it a paper of real mass circulation and influence.

We are working for a sustaining fund of \$250 by May 30.

How much will YOU give?

How much will your organization give?

Send in your donations, at once, to the Voice of Youth, care of the Western Worker, 37 Grove St., San Francisco.

Does that explain it to your satisfaction?

Send us clippings from your home-town papers.

**The Latest Lies from the Capitalist Press**

By COOLEY

It's about as hard to find a lie in a capitalist newspaper as it is to find a bald spot on a fish. A rainbow trout with a full head of hair would be no more of a curio than a capitalist news paper with an eight column headline over a truthful story. Today's be was picked from the San Francisco Examiner of April 6, and it was done in this fashion. I laid the paper down, closed my eyes and said, "Eeny, meeny, miny, moe, this little lie will surely do." And when I opened my eyes my finger was on this headline: "3000 KILLED IN CHINESE BATTLE."

It was a Hongkong dispatch, dated April 5, and stated that "Spreading wholesale death and destruction behind them, Communist army hordes swarmed eastward in Kweichow Province today . . ." etc. etc. The story wound up with the remark that Ching Kai Shek's white army had retreated all of thirty miles trying to get away from the battle with the awful reds who slew at least 3,000 of them,—and Americans and other foreigners were seqently in grave danger.

Now after all I am a Communist, and why should I try to prove the Examiner was lying when it said our Chinese comrades had kicked the stuffing out of their enemy and chased them thirty miles? Just chasing an army thirty miles is a good days work, let alone whipping it in a hard fought battle. Of course endangering the Americans in China isn't much, they're practically always endangered. But how would it look for me to call the Examiner another liar, and maybe have to prove the Chinese Red Army hadn't even been in Kweichow Province. I felt embarrassed.

So I dropped the matter and turned to the San Francisco Chronicle of April 6—and there was a Hongkong dispatch dated April 5 under this headline: CHINESE PFD ARMY SUFFERS LOSSES. It stated that the Chinese Red Army had made an attempt to capture a city in Kweichow Province, that the white army had just about crushed them in a counter-offensive and practically chased the Red Army out of China. And it was reported that at least a hundred bodies were strewn about the battlefield. It didn't say anything about Americans and other foreigners, so presumably they were now out of danger.

Now of course, anything can be explained. So let's pretend that neither of the two papers were lying when they said there was a battle in Kweichow Province and "explain" things for them.

We have to assume that the battle started early in the morning and that the Red Army busted the White Army wide open. Having done that they chased it thirty miles, making it very dangerous for the Americans in China. Then the dispatch (dated April 5) was sent to the Examiner. When that was done the White Army opened up on the Red Army and busted it wide open and chased it clear out of sight. Then the dispatch (dated April 5) was sent to the Chronicle.

And in the midst of all this excitement the Red Army either buried 2900 or 3000 dead, because the Examiner found 3000 dead on the field, whereas the Chronicle could find only 100. If the Chronicle's 100 were left over from the Examiner's 3000 then the Red Army must have retreated without anybody being hurt after it buried 2900 of those killed in the morning. But the Red Army would hardly retreat so easily after such a signal victory in the day. Therefore it must have buried all the Examiner's 3000. And the Chronicle's 100 must have been killed in the White Army's counter-offensive.

And class-conscious workers ought to be proud of a Red Army that could do all that fighting and running and digging and more fighting and running in time for both of those dispatches to get out on the same day. Not to mention the time out to endanger the Americans in China.

Does that explain it to your satisfaction?

Send us clippings from your home-town papers.

**L. A. CONFERENCE PLANS BIG MAY DAY CELEBRATION**

LOS ANGELES, April 11.—Aroused by class oppression, vigilante terrorism and the state of fascism threatened by the pending anti-labor legislation pending in Sacramento, thousands of workers are preparing here to make May Day of 1935 a day to be remembered.

The reason for the above facts are clear if we recall the causes of these ailments. The causes of rheumatism and heart-disease are damp homes and damp surroundings, together with focal infections which cost much money to remove from the body.

The main external causes of insanity are the inhuman speed-up which the capitalist class inflict on us, plus the conflicts which arise within us as a reflection of the conflicts of the capitalist system.

Serious accidents are over three times as widespread among workers because the bourgeois surrounds himself with all kinds of safety devices and laws, but refuses them to his slaves in the factory. The large number of infant deaths among proletarians result from undernourishment, the wrong kind of foods, and diseases caused by vile home conditions. Tuberculosis is the classical proletarian disease, as it is created" by conditions found only among the workers. It is brought on by fatigue, due to overwork, bald air, damp, dark dwellings and under-nourishment.

Calling the jobless